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NEWS BRIEFS

Prosecutor suspects profiling by state police

NEWARK — A New Jersey State trooper recently pulled over the car of Essex County Prosecutor Patricia Hurt in what her lawyer said might be a racially motivated incident.

Hurt was on her way to a luncheon in Atlantic City and does not deny that the car was speeding with red lights flashing. She was ordered out of the government-issued vehicle along with her niece, two of her friends and the driver. The trooper, who is white, walked up to her car and, according to Hurt, asked, "Who the hell are you?"

Amtrak employees file class action lawsuit

WASHINGTON — Alleging that Amtrak followed a general practice of discrimination against black managers and professionals, 13 African Americans and one Caucasian filed a class action suit in the U. S. District Court of the District of Columbia.

The group is seeking substantial monetary damages and injunctive relief on behalf of a nationwide class of African-Americans workers and employees of Amtrak.

"The plaintiffs have been subjected to racial discrimination and a hostile environment for at least the past decade," said Paul C. Sprenger, one of the lawyers representing them.

Black Caucus supports school vouchers

WASHINGTON — Congressional Black Caucus members have joined forces with the National African American Ministers Leadership Council, and other organizations to aggressively push school voucher legislation.

"We know that regardless of how they are initially financed, they will eventually siphon off public school funds to finance private/religious school education for few children at the expense of the vast majority of children remaining in public school," said Rep. Robert Scott (D-Va.).

Retired archbishop opts to live with the poor

NAIROBI, Kenya (PANA) — The former head of the Catholic Church in Kenya, Maurice Cardinal Otunga, says from here on he will live among the poor and elderly and devote his time to helping them.

After leaving the church for 26 years, Otunga said he has made up his mind and his life will now revolve around the work he can now do to help the elderly and the poor in Nairobi. The 76-year-old religious leader, gave his farewell address to faithfuls at the Nairobi Holy Family Basilica earlier this month, urging them to be "holy and love as God loves."

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President Bill Clinton greeted New Jersey supporters and well-wishers at a fund-raiser for Congressman Donald Payne.

New Jerseyans support Clinton

WASHINGTON — President Clinton was back in church the morning after receiving enthusiastic support from black members of congress at the recent Congressional Black Caucus' annual dinner.

To show appreciation for that gesture, the President — before attending church — stopped at a pier along the Washington waterfront to speak briefly at a fund-raiser for New Jersey Congressman Donald Payne (D-10th Dist.).

Payne, wearing a blue captain's hat, greeted Clinton at his limousine, shook his hand and stood with him as he waved to the crowd. The President got enthusiastic cheers there from many of the same people that were in the audience the evening before when he addressed the Caucus dinner, the concluding

event of the Congressional Black Caucus Annual weekend.

He told the caucus he appreciated its support "from the heart," and thanked them "for standing up for me and understanding the true meaning of repentance and atonement."

Payne has been one of the President's strongest supporters. In introducing the President, who was accompanied by the secret service and the press corps, Payne praised Clinton's determination to proceed with his work on key issues such as education, job creation, health care and protection of social security. The President responded by noting Payne's leading role in helping advance key portions of his ambitious legislative agenda. The President also joked, "I've known Don Payne as a legislator, a negotiator, an advocate for peace, but this is the first

time I've seen him in his role as a captain of a boat."

Earlier this year, Payne accompanied the President and First Lady on their historic visit to Africa earlier this year. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gave the keynote address at a forum on Africa sponsored by Payne during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation conference.

"I was delighted that the President took time from his busy schedule to greet our New Jersey visitors," Payne said. "From the enthusiastic applause he received, it is obvious that the President continues to be held in high esteem by our constituents."

The event preceded an annual boat ride on the Spirit of Washington hosted by Payne in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Annual

Legislative Conference. This is the ninth consecutive year that Payne has hosted the boat ride for the New Jersey residents who travel to Washington to attend the conference.

Each year, the event hosts a number of local officials including Newark Mayor Sharpe James, East Orange Mayor Robert Bowser, and Asbury Park Deputy Mayor John Hamilton. Payne's family, including his brother Assemblyman Bill Payne and nephew Craig Stanley also attend each year.

"It's great to have the opportunity to get together with both New Jersey and Washington friends during this annual event," Payne said. "Our boat ride has become a traditional gathering, capping off the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Congress."

Gold medalist is latest athlete to die young

By Jeff Wong
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The day before she died on September 21, Olympic sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner made an appearance at a gymnastics meet in Santa Barbara and visited her mother. When she returned home, she felt "a little tired" and went to sleep, her mother said. There were "no signs whatsoever that Flo was ill," said Bob Kerssee told reporters Tuesday at UCLA.

The gold medalist's sudden death early Monday left her family and the track world in shock.

Despite earlier reports that Griffith Joyner suffered from heart problems, Kerssee said she showed no sign of illness before she died.

"In terms of heart seizures, heart attacks, all of that — none of that struck," he said. "We unfortunately have no idea why Florence left us."

In response to media speculation in Europe that Griffith Joyner's death might be due to drug use during her career, the IOC's leading drug authority said the sprinter was subjected to rigorous testing at the 1996 Olympics, and passed every test.

New book says army murdered over 1,000 black soldiers

By Simon Booker Muhammad
NNPA Feature Writer

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — A soon to be released book, "The Slaughter — An American Tragedy," states that in 1943, more than 1,200 black soldiers from the 364th Infantry Division were murdered in cold blood by the U.S. Army at Camp Van Dorn in southwestern Mississippi. The NAACP and at least one Congressman take the charges seriously and are calling for an investigation.

The book was written by Carroll Case, a former black president and freelance writer from Mississippi. Case, who is white, researched the book for 13 years and documents his case with eyewitness accounts, letters from soldiers based at Camp Van Dorn at the time and declassified government files.

According to "The Slaughter," "there are missing records and reports from June 8th to December 1943." The missing records include the Army Inspector General's files from June 8th until the 364th was "unexpectedly" shipped out several months later and the "morning reports" for seven out of 20 companies in the 364th. The missing morning reports represent approximately 1,200 men alleged to have been killed.

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"Their final rest took place on a night in the late fall of 1943. They (White MPs) shot everything that moved, until nothing died, not one defenseless soldier got away. Then the shooting stopped. Over 1,200 members of the 364th were slaughtered. Their bodies were loaded on boxcars and stacked inside like railroad ties. They were hauled off by train to the south gate of the base where they were buried and lined in long trenches dug by bulldozers. Following this blood bath, records were not only altered, but also destroyed. The Army notified the next-of-kin of the victims, saying that the sol-

diers were killed in the 'line of duty,'" states Case in the book.

The remaining members of the 364th were shipped out to remote islands off the coast of Alaska and remained there until the end of the war, according to Case's book.

A copy of a letter from the NAACP, dated June 30, 1943 concerning conditions at Camp Van Dorn, before the alleged incident, is included in "The Slaughter." The NAACP has been unable to locate any official response from the War Department to this correspondence. John Johnson, director of the civil rights organization and former Services and Veterans Affairs Division, said, "We take this matter very seriously and plan to get to the bottom of it." Johnson sent a letter to Army Secretary Louis Caldera requesting an immediate investigation and release of all information pertaining to the alleged atrocity at Camp Van Dorn.

In addition to a letter sent to the NAACP by a soldier from the all-black 364th, the book contains copies of letters from the Philadelphia Tribune, urging that the paper report on the situation at Camp Van Dorn. "I appeal to you for some kind of investigation of this matter and hope that the Negro-hating man of the United States can be made to see the light," wrote Corporal Anthony Smirley. "I have heard of what may happen if I write, but I am not afraid of the consequences if my story can bring to life the truth

of the matter," he continued.

According to the book, the 364th (about 3,000 men) was transferred to Camp Van Dorn from Phoenix, Ariz. after widely-published incidents in which hundreds of the division's men were considered to be "riotous." When the 364th reached the camp, the unit had the reputation of being disorderly, rebellious and even mutinous. Arriving in the deep South with such a "reputation," created a dangerous and volatile environment for the men. The local town people and the Army.

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Perhaps the words of Corporal Smirley, Jr. of the 364th, in a letter to the Philadelphia Tribune, best describe the racial climate at Camp Van Dorn in 1943, "If I fail in what I am undertaking now, I might as well reserve a berth in Hell for that is what it will be here ... I beg of you, to form my heart, please do something for the fellows and myself whom are among the unfortunate to be in this State of blood—Negro blood—that is constantly flowing in the streets."

Person's mother calls for national bill

LOS ANGELES — Friends of David Cash have revealed that he actually was Jeremy Strohmer sexually molested 7-year-old Sherrie Iverson at the Primmadoma Casino near Las Vegas on May 25, 1997. Cash, who was featured in a segment on the television show "60 Minutes" last Sunday, took no action to stop the attack and did not report it to authorities. The Clark County District Attorney (Las Vegas) still maintains that Cash broke no laws and refuses to prosecute him.

Volanda Manuel and the Sherrie Iverson Justice Fund will call on the Justice Department to do the following:

- Launch a federal probe to determine what role David Cash played in the rape and murder of Iverson.
- Determine if Cash broke federal law by aiding and abetting the escape of convicted murderer Jeremy Strohmer across state lines.
- Determine if the murder of Iverson violated civil rights laws.
- Support the Sherrie Iverson Memorial bill, a child protection law that will be introduced in Congress. This

Mandela extends support to Clinton

By Donna Abu-Nair
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — South African President Nelson Mandela pledged Tuesday to stand by President Clinton even if every body else deserts him because no other American president has identified himself more with the aspirations of black people.

From a luncheon at the South African Embassy to a raucous White House reception with black ministers, Mandela's farewell visit to the United States before retiring from politics next year played more like a pep rally for Clinton and his wife than a valedictory for the South African hero.

"It is not our business to interfere in this matter, but we do wish to say that President Clinton is a friend of South Africa and Africa and, I believe, the friend of the great mass of black people and minorities and the disabled of the United States," said Mandela.

The frail 80-year-old Mandela led a standing ovation in the East Room after the Rev. Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. whipped the assembly into a chant aimed at Clinton's detractors. "Leave him alone! Leave him alone!"

Mandela's wife, Graca Machel, reached for Hillary Rodham Clinton's hand and held it. The visiting newlywed couple was spending the night at the White House with Mrs. Clinton called "a shandy party."

On policy, Mandela told the black religious leaders that South Africa was counting on them. "It is a small wonder that the struggle to end apartheid drew such strength from here that we now look to you to work with us as we seek to banish poverty, hunger, illiteracy and ignorance from our land."

At the embassy luncheon, Mandela said Clinton "has my full support in everything that he does," drawing applause from guests that included presidential friend Vernon Jordan. "In the jurisprudence of many ... civilized countries, a person is regarded as innocent until he's convicted."

In his speech, Mandela made no reference to developments in Lesotho, "I want to tell you that although I do not know the history of the United States very well, my view here is no different" president who has identified himself with the aspirations of blacks inside this country and in Africa."

"I will support my friends even if they have been deserted by the entire group," added Mandela. "I will support him."

David Cash was present during part of the attack on Sherrie Iverson, a 7-year-old girl who was murdered in a toilet stall at a Las Vegas-area casino in 1997.

would give federal prosecutors legal authority to prosecute anyone who witnesses the rape and murder of a child and fails to report it to authorities.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

HOLMDEL—The Monmouth County Park System will host a nature program at the Holmdel Park Activity Center beginning at 4 p.m. (732) 942-4000.

NEW YORK—The Museum of Modern Art will host a lecture on the film work of Gordon Parks through Oct. 4th. Call (212) 708-9647 for information.

BELLE MEAD—The Camer Foundation will host a lecture on marriage and relationship at the Princeton's Women Center beginning at 7 p.m. (908) 281-1517

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will present the art method of Paper Weavings beginning at 11 a.m. (201) 200-3400.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

WESTFIELD—The American Heart Association will sponsor a health walk at Echo Lake Park, Call (732) 821-2610 for time.

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will offer a National Teachers Examination review course beginning at 9 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Montclair State University Gifted and Talented Program will host a seminar on computers for those in elementary school beginning at 6:30 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

ELIZABETH—The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts will host a workshop for artists, call (800) 558-2550 for location and time.

JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College will offer a National Teacher Preparation Workshops beginning at 7 a.m. (201) 714-2185.

PRINCETON—The YWCA will hold a Unity in Our Community March and Rally at city hall beginning at 12 noon (973) 684-6408.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—The internationally acclaimed group Grupo AfroCuba De Maitenas will present a evening of rumba and bomba extravaganzas at the Montclair State University Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

LOCUST—The Monmouth County Park System will hold a nature program on watercolors at the Huber Woods Environmental Center beginning at 10 a.m.

JERSEY CITY—The Department of Continuing Education of Hudson County Community College is offering fitness courses beginning at 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

MIDDLETOWN—The Monmouth County Park System will host a nature program on turtles at the Huber Woods Environmental Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. (732) 942-4000.

JERSEY CITY—The Department of Continuing Education offer a non-credit course on Tie-Shirt painting every Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. (201) 714-2185.

LOCUST—The Monmouth County Park System will hold a hiking adventure to Rocky Point at Hartshore Woods Park beginning at 7 p.m. (732) 942-4000

PARSIPPANY—The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will host a Renew the Memories reception at the Watchung Arts Center beginning at 1 p.m. (973) 316-6676

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

CALDWELL—Caldwell College will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its annual Golden Eagle Golf & Tennis Tournament at the Essex Falls Country Club (973) 228-4424.

ATLANTIC CITY—The New Jersey Business Community will host the New Jersey Conference on Volunteerism at the Hamlet's Marina Hotel beginning at 8 p.m. (609) 984-3470.

SKILLMAN—The American Repertory Ballet/Princeton Ballet School presents a Fall Swing Golf and Tennis Outing at the Beden's Brook Club beginning at 10:30 a.m. 732-249-1254.

WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK—The National Urban League will host its 1998 Golf Invitational at the Wykoff's Country Club beginning at 11 a.m. (212) 838-2660.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College Department of Continuing Education is offering a culinary course on garnishing and centerpieces beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 714-2107.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

PLAINFIELD—The Library Volunteers of America will take applications for volunteers in their reading literacy program at the Plainfield Public Library beginning at 6 p.m. (609) 752-7298.

Elizabeth comes together for a good time and good cause



Pictured here are spectators making a mad dash to the Italian ice stand for a little cool down. They were one of the many vendors who served food and drinks to the thousands of people at the first annual Unity Day. The event was a celebration of Elizabeth's diverse culture and heritage.



The first annual Unity Day brought thousands of residents to Jefferson Park for fun and togetherness. Elizabeth Mayor Christian Bolligwe addressed the crowd and asked them not to tolerate any form of racial activity in the city.



The City of Elizabeth celebrated its first annual Unity Day. The event was developed to help heal tension in the city after hate letters began circulating in the area. Pictured here is a spectator getting a personal pizza delivery from Andy the Clowns.



An artist paints the faces of two young party goers during Unity Day. Other than the face painting exhibit, there were workshops, music, dance presentations, and sporting events that provided enjoyment for the participants.

MBJ Afterhours opens with a blast



Shanda-Joy Laws (second left) co-hosted the first monthly networking party MBJ Afterhours at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Noted author Phyllis P. Johnson (left) took time to sign her latest book *Reality Check* to a die hard fan.



MBJ Afterhours brought out many of New Jersey's who's who for business and mingling at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Noted author Phyllis P. Johnson (left) took time to sign her latest book *Reality Check* to a die hard fan.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

GARDEN CITY—Professional Women in Construction (PWC) will hold its Autumn Golf Tervis Outing brunch through dinner, at the Garden City Country Club. For reservations and information call at 212-687-9610.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

PRINCETON—Technology New Jersey will host a financial institutions/bank breakfast seminar beginning at 8 a.m. at the Princeton Hyatt Regency. (609) 419-4444

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

PRINCETON—Princeton Softtech and AlterCare Health Systems will hold its Health Care Insurance breakfast seminar at the Princeton Hyatt Regency. (609) 419-4444

NEW YORK—The Professional Women in Construction will hold a business networking event of real estate development at the Ramada Inn in Elmford beginning at 5:30 p.m. (212) 687-0610.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

NEW BRUNSWICK—Technology New Jersey will host a breakfast seminar on manufacturing at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency beginning at 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

EAST HANOVER—The Exceptional Assistant Inc. will host a seminar on secretarial and support groups at the Ramada Hotel.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEW YORK—The NYU Business Department will host a seminar on understanding the U.S. economy beginning at 9 a.m. (212) 998-7070.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

NEW YORK—AMSDO will host a conference on minority business development. Call (212) 944-2430 for time and location.

TEANECK—The Regional Business Partnership will host the virtual trade fair and conference at the Rotherman Center Fairleigh Dickinson University. Call 1-800-651-0327 for time.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

ATLANTIC CITY—The New Jersey Association of School Business Officials will hold an exhibit and workshop at the Atlantic City Convention Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. (609) 695-7600.

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New program to attract businesses

TRENTON—Governor Whitman recently signed into law an incentive program that Assembly Associate Minority Leader Wilfredo Caraballo sponsored to help local governments attract and retain businesses.

"This measure will bring together state, county and local governments to attract jobs," said Caraballo. (D- Essex). "Instead of having several agencies working in competition with each other or duplicating each other's efforts, this program will encourage a smooth, coordinated approach to stimulate economic growth."

Caraballo's measure (A-196) will establish an incentive program within the state Economic Development Authority to assist counties and municipalities in retaining or attracting businesses. The program will fund loans for infrastructure development, such as parking.

The Local-State Business Incentive Promotion Fund will provide loans to counties and municipalities. The funds will be available on a matching fund basis with \$1 coming from outside sources for every \$2 coming from the program. The measure will complement two existing incentive programs.

"Other states have been highly successful in attracting new jobs through coordinated local and state efforts," said Caraballo. "This measure will strengthen New Jersey's coordinated incentives, to ensure that we will be 'open for business.'" The measure also is sponsored by Assemblyman George F. Geist (R-Camden).

Insure your business

TRENTON—If you have a home-based business, don't make the mistake of assuming you're covered under your homeowners insurance policy. The fact is that many homeowners policies provide only a limited amount of coverage for business-related exposures. These limitations could set you up for some big losses.

A home-based business requires a substantial investment of time, money and property. According to Andrew C. Harris, CFC, CPCU, ARM, president of Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey Inc., however, many business owners do not have the necessary coverage to protect themselves and their businesses.

"Uninsured homeowners policies do not sufficiently cover a home-based business," Harris warns. "Fire damage to expensive office furniture

and equipment, a stolen business credit card, a power surge resulting in the loss of important computer data and a lawsuit over a business-related matter are not covered."

There are three ways to get the most appropriate coverage for your home-based business. First, talk to your professional insurance agent about adding a home business endorsement to your existing homeowners policy. This coverage would generally include business property coverage; business liability, including product, personal injury and advertising liability; loss of business income; small group insurance plan; and coverage; and accounts receivable.

Second, you could purchase several individual business insurance policies to provide the various coverages you need, such as business property, general liability and business income insurance.

Third, see about purchasing a business owners package policy designed for smaller businesses, which combines the necessary property and liability insurance coverage you need in a single policy.

"Certain conditions may require other types of insurance coverage," Harris advises. "For instance, if you use an automobile for your business activities, be sure that your automobile insurance will protect you from accidents that occur on business-related errands. And if you have employees, you may want to consider a small group insurance plan."

Be sure that your in-home business is properly covered. Contact your professional insurance agent today to find out which coverage is right for your business.

Exchanging business opportunities



CHICAGO—Dana Hightower, Director, Avant!, second from right, and John Aguilar, President, Vernon Transportation Company, right, were among the more than a thousand entrepreneurs that met recently with business and government purchasers at the Business and Opportunity Exchange in Chicago. With them are Fred Canady, Director, Pepsi-Cola's Minority Business Enterprises, New York, second from left and Steve Martinez, Vice President Sales, of ADM Industries, at left. Hightower's firm supplies printing and design services to business corporations in the New York Metropolitan area. Aguilar delivers sweetener to Pepsi bottling plants in California. Martinez's company offers a minority mentor-protégé program to manage facility services across the United States.

Are secured credit cards for you?

By Dr. Karen Enslie

A secured card is a credit card backed by money that you deposit and keep in a bank account. The account serves as security for the card. If you don't pay your bill, the money in your account can be used to cover the debt.

The winter 1998 issue of Consumer Action News presented the results of a survey of secured credit cards. All of the banks that Consumer Action, a San Francisco advocacy group, surveyed did not accept people who have no credit history, i.e., no information on file with one of the major credit bureaus. This makes secured cards a viable option for young adults just entering the job market. Some cards are easy to get, while others have strict guidelines about income and past credit history. Most issuers require that there be no late payment records on your credit report in the last six months.

When Consumer Action first examined secured cards in the 1970s, many carried very high costs. A large up-front payment, called an "application" fee, was usually required. They discovered in their 1995 report that many secured cards are now available

without such fees, however.

Secured cards usually have annual fees. On 17 of the 21 surveyed cards, these fees are \$25.00 or higher. Many unsecured cards, on the other hand, have no annual fees. Interest rates tend to be higher, as well. About half of the 21 cards surveyed have annual percentage rates (APRs) of 18% and higher.

The amount of deposit required of borrowers varies. Although the typical minimum deposit is \$300-\$500, the survey found five issuers that require \$250 or less. Most banks allow deposits, and credit lines, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Most secured card issuers surveyed report payment information to one or more of the major credit bureaus, helping card holders build a credit history. Before signing up for a card, make sure that the issuer will not flag your card as a secured card in its reports to credit bureaus. This could hinder your efforts to build a good credit history.

Consumer Action notes that secured credit cards may be a good way to establish or re-establish credit but that they tend to be expensive. Their advice is to consider secured cards as a "stepping stone" and try to graduate to an unsecured card as soon as you can.

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Finding a financial planner

By Dale G. Caldwell



In previous articles, I have suggested that readers consult a financial planner for additional advice. This week I will discuss the reasons to seek a financial planner, the basic types of financial planners and the different financial planning related designations. The best time to begin to search for a financial planner is after you have attempted to develop your own financial plan. This will provide you with a good understanding of what assistance you will need from a financial planner. The financial planner that you hire should be someone that you feel comfortable with who has the expertise necessary to provide the advice that you need. The three most common reasons to hire a financial planner are to review an existing financial plan, to help you expand your current financial plan or to help you start a financial plan.

There are well over 150,000 people who call themselves financial planners in the United States. Unfortunately, many of these people do not have any formal financial planning training. You must therefore be careful who you hire to help you prepare a financial plan. The types of professionals who typically call themselves financial planners include insurance agents, mutual funds salespersons, stockbrokers, accountants, attorneys and money managers.

There are three basic types of financial planners. The most common type is the commission only financial planner. This planner makes money by selling you financial planning products. They are frequently insurance, mutual fund or stock salespersons. There are many excellent commission only financial planners. However, their advice is often biased because they rely on selling a particular product. The "fee only" financial planner charges a fee for providing financial planning advice to clients. These planners are generally able to provide more objective financial planning advice than commission only financial planners. The third type of financial planners are fee and commission financial planners. They often charge a fee which is lower than fee only planners because they can receive commission by selling certain investments.

Where do you begin to find a financial planner. One of the best places to begin is to consult the Institute of Certified Financial Planners (ICFP) in Denver, Colorado. This organization compiles a geographical listing of those individuals that are Certified Financial Planners (CFP). The phone number is (303) 759-4900. When I was a CFP actively providing personal financial planning advice, I was a member of this organization. Below I describe some of the major financial planning related designations. I recommend that the financial planner that you choose have one or more of these designations.

Certified Financial Planner (CFP)

The CFP designation is probably the best known financial planning designation. A person will be awarded the CFP after gaining three years of work experience, completing an approved course of study and passing an examination on estate planning, insurance, investments, retirement planning and taxes.

Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC)

The ChFC designation is granted by the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. It is earned after completing 10 courses and examinations on all aspects of financial planning.

Personal Financial Specialist (PFS)

The PFS designation is earned after passing a rigorous financial planning exam administered by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

A financial planner does not need one of these designations to be good. However, by earning one or more of these designations he or she is demonstrating a commitment to the financial planning profession. Always interview at least three financial planners before you choose the one that you will hire. Make sure that the financial planner that you choose is interested in your total financial health rather than on only one aspect of it (i.e., insurance, stocks, mutual funds, etc.).

Good luck finding a financial planner. If you need any help identifying one, please feel free to e-mail me at dcaldwell@dtms.com.

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Local Briefs

Stanley holds education meeting

IRVINGTON — Assemblyman Craig Stanley held a legislative district meeting to discuss the state of education in New Jersey and whole school reform September 29. As the school year began Stanley (D-Irvington) invited residents to join him in a discussion on ways to assure that New Jersey's children are receiving the best possible education.

The assembly Education Committee recently approved legislation that would compel all school districts to adapt the "Bill of Rights for Learning." This tool would establish student discipline codes, develop alternative educational placements for chronically disruptive students and establish tough academic standards for accurately assessing whether the standards are being met.

Bollwage holds enterprise zone meetings

ELIZABETH — The second meeting of the newly formed Urban Enterprise Zone Mayors Commission was recently called to order by Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage. Created to bring together mayors and administrators from municipalities with Urban Enterprise Zones throughout the state, the purpose of the commission is to work together to define ways to maximize the benefits of the UEZ program as well as to lobby together to safeguard the enabling legislation for the program.

The keynote speaker for the meeting was Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman of Mercer County who will discuss a bill she is sponsoring to create permanent Urban Enterprise Zones.

Union County turns back the clock

ELIZABETH — Union County residents and visitors can turn back their clocks in October to explore "Four Centuries in a Weekend...A Journey Through Union History." This heritage festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. Throughout the weekend, more than twenty historic sites across the county will open their doors to the public. "Children and adults will find these historic sites educational and interesting," said Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more information, call (908) 658-2550.

Golf classic benefits community groups

EAST ORANGE — The first Annual East Orange Civic Pride Golf Classic will take place October 7 at the East Orange Golf Club in Short Hills. Former Governor Brendan Byrne and Reggie Wells, news anchor/reporter for UPN Channel 9 television are the co-chairpersons for the event.

This fall golf classic will feature many of the area's top golfers, business and community leaders. The proceeds will solely and directly benefit deserving civic and community organizations. The day's events will include brunch, cocktail reception and dinner along with numerous door prizes. For further information, contact East Orange Civic Pride Golf Classic, P.O. Box 1056, East Orange, N.J. 07019.

Local Y joins 'Week Without Violence'

PLAINFIELD — The YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield invites local groups and organizations from Plainfield and surrounding communities to join in the fourth annual YWCA Week Without Violence campaign, October 18-24. The international campaign focuses attention on practical and sustainable alternatives to violence, bringing forth a vision of a safer, healthier community. Through the programs developed by the YWCA and the participating organization, individuals are challenged to live one week without perpetuating, participating in or observing violence. To get involved, contact Nellie Reed, public relations director, at (908) 756-3866.

Outreach programs benefit from employee fund donations

RYEBROOK, N.Y. — Employees of Philip Morris Companies Inc. and its operating companies reached out to their neighbors recently by donating \$243,900 to 13 charities in Passaic, Hudson, Essex, Monmouth, Mercer and Bergen counties. The grants are part of a larger 1998 campaign in which employees doubled last year's donations, giving more than \$1.4 million to charitable causes in the tri-state area to address hunger, homelessness, AIDS prevention, domestic violence and adult literacy.

Through the Philip Morris Employee Fund (PMEF), a non-profit foundation created by Philip Morris Companies Inc., employees can make charitable donations through payroll deductions or single donations to a central pool.

"We are proud that our employees in New Jersey to fight hunger, homelessness, AIDS, domestic violence and adult literacy," said Michael Fitzgibbon, PMEF Committee Chairman. "For more than 40 years, employees of the Philip Morris family of companies have been reaching out to local organizations like these, and

we're happy to say that through the Philip Morris Employee Fund, employee donations hit a record high this year."

"The PMEF grant has given us even more tools — commercial kitchen equipment, including a burner range, ovens and stainless steel tables — to use in our community kitchen to help us better serve the nutritional needs of the elderly in Monmouth County," said Joseph Marmore, Executive Director of Interfaith Neighbors in Asbury Park.

In addition to Interfaith Neighbors, PMEF funded three organizations in Newark, two in Paterson and one each in Jersey City and Trenton.

In 1998, PMEF doubled its charitable donations from \$650,000 to \$1,435,900, which went to 68 charities in the tri-state area, including the 13 New Jersey organizations. In addition to monetary donations, Philip Morris also organizes "Philip Morris Cares Day," an annual event in which employees are encouraged to spend the workday volunteering at PMEF-funded charities. More than 300 employees are expected to participate in the next PMEF Cares Day on January 15, 1999.

Chris Gatling Center opens in Irvington



Irvington Mayor Sara B. Bost and NBA All Star Chris Gatling take the court during the opening of the Township of Irvington-Chris Gatling Recreation Center.

IRVINGTON — Mayor Sara B. Bost and NBA All Star Chris Gatling on September 3, 1998 unveiled the Township of Irvington-Chris Gatling Recreation Center as the municipality's new showcase for constructive social activity.

The 29,000 square foot facility, situated on the grounds of the former Police Athletic League building at 285 Union Avenue, will restore to the community the abundance of structured recreational, athletic, educational and cultural programs offered by its predecessor.

Since its closure in February 1994 due to financial difficulties, the PAL was vacant and had no electricity or running water.

The opening of the long-lamented former — and eagerly-awaited new — center marked the culmination of an almost two-year restoration effort, launched when Bost began seeking support for the township's planned purchase of the defunct PAL.

When the Mayor approached Gatling, who grew up in Irvington just one block away from the PAL and played basketball there, he now plays forward for the New Jersey Nets — he gave \$25,000. Two months later, in December 1996, when a fiscal crisis prevented the township from acquiring the building, Gatling bought it for \$135,000. He has since leased it for \$1 per year to the Township of Irvington, which will administer the programs and operate the center.

"Basically, this was the case of a hero returning to his roots and rescuing his hometown," Bost pointed out. "Chris came through when we needed him the most," and that's why we are dedicating this building in his honor, the Mayor explained. "I am excited and thrilled" by the new center, according to Gatling. But most importantly, "I am excited about the opportunities that will abound for the youngsters. I hope it means as much to them as it did to me when I was growing up."

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The Newark Public Library (NPL) received a \$30,000 MCI LibraryLINK grant for establishing their Public Technology Center on the library's third floor. From left, Craig Helgeson, MCI; Albert Coutinho, President of the NPL Board of Trustees; and Congressman Donald Payne.

Newark ready for technology

NEWARK — Congressman Donald Payne recently joined the Newark Public Library and MCI for the dedication of a new Technology Center, complete with 24 Internet-accessible computer workstations and training sessions. The training room, which will officially open in December, was established with a \$30,000 MCI LibraryLINK technology grant.

"The purpose of the Newark Public Library is to empower residents to enrich their lives with knowledge, information, education and culture," said Dr. Alex Boyd, director of the Newark Public Library.

Through the MCI LibraryLINK grant, the new Technology Center will equip the people of Newark to fully participate in the benefits of global citizenship.

"MCI believes it is vital for every American to have access

to an understanding of the Internet," said Craig Helgeson, branch director for MCI. "This public-private partnership with the Newark Public Library gives the community access to the tools needed to be successful in the marketplace of the future."

Payne participated in the dedication of the new technology center. The Center will provide patrons with Internet access training sessions in English and Spanish, as well as offer orientation workshops designed to enhance computer skills for residents of all ages.

"As we enter the next century, information technology will be a driving force in all aspects of our lives, from education and health care, to business and government," said Payne, who serves on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. "The MCI LibraryLINK

grant will enable the Newark Public Library to share the benefits of the current technological revolution with the community."

Newark is one of the cities selected to receive a grant through MCI LibraryLINK. Through the LibraryLINK program, MCI has helped 657 main, branch and regional libraries advance their technological capabilities and services for 30 million staff and patrons. The program responds to the growing demand for public libraries to provide their communities with Internet access and training. According to the second annual MCI LibraryLINK study, the number of users who access the Internet from their public library increased 86 percent since January 1997, and increased more than 600 percent since 1996.

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Health
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

ATLANTIC CITY—The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services will offer flu shots to seniors visiting the casinos and boardwalk at Trump Taj Mahal beginning at 10 a.m. (609) 445-5935

NEW YORK—The Lindesmith Center will host a seminar on the future of the U.S. drug policy at the Open Society Center beginning at 4 p.m. (212) 548-0685.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

SEACAJOUS—The Liberty Health Care Systems will offer EMS training at Meadowlands Hospital beginning at 7:30 p.m. (201) 369-5304

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Center of Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey will offer cancer screenings at its headquarters in Plainfield beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 539-9500

NEWARK—St. James Hospital is hosting a free community health fair at the parking lot of the hospital beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 455-2075

BELLEVILLE—Clara Mass Medical Center will be sponsoring low cost prostate screenings at the hospital's surgery center beginning at 8:30 a.m. (973) 450-2116

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

NEWARK—The Kids Program at Columbus Hospital offers services in pediatrics and lead testing beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 268-3674

UPPER MONTCLAIR—The Garden State Cancer Center and the Montclair State University will host a lecture on the disease beginning at 7 p.m. Call the Montclair University for information

WESTFIELD—The Care Giver Support Group will host a meeting at St. Helen's Church beginning at 8 p.m. (908) 233-8757

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital will host the tenth annual PLUS Literacy Awards. Call (201) 833-3186 for time and location.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

BELLE MEAD—The Carrier Foundation will provide free screenings for depression and anxiety at their main campus beginning at 4 p.m. (908) 281-1513

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital's Department of Rehabilitation Services will hold a six-week Speechreading/Spreading beginning at 10 a.m. (201) 833-3085

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

JERSEY CITY—The American Cancer Society will hold its fifth annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk at Liberty State Park beginning at 11 a.m. (201) 507-9500

Children's Hospital of New Jersey opens heart center

NEWARK—Lifesaving treatment for children born with heart defects and for those who develop heart disease is now available at the new Children's Cardiac Center at Children's Hospital of New Jersey. Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, in Newark.

Children's Hospital of New Jersey, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, is the state's premier hospital caring for children, with specialized services to treat ill and injured children from birth through adolescence.

The new Children's Cardiac Center provides total care for pediatric heart patients. Its comprehensive services include a licensed pediatric cardiologist, a dedicated pediatric cardiac catheterization laboratory, a pediatric cardiac operating room and a planned 10-bed pediatric cardiac intensive care unit.

Ronald J. Del Mauro, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, said, "The Children's Cardiac Center is the largest, most comprehensive service for treating pediatric cardiovascular and thoracic diseases in the state of New Jersey. The caliber of our physicians and talented team and the state-of-the-art facilities we are building are leading Children's Hospital of New Jersey toward world class prominence."

The Children's Cardiac Center, which provides convenient access to all of these services in one location, is designed as a family-focused environment that also features on-site sleeping quarters for parents who wish to remain near their child during treatment.

The Center's pediatric cardiac team is comprised of nationally recognized physicians and specialists. The team includes board-certified pediatric cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons, interventional cardiologists, intensivists, electrophysiology specialists, anesthesiologists, clinical nurse specialists, social workers, nutritionists and child life therapists.

William DeCampi, M.D., Ph.D., a pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon, is director of The Children's Cardiac Center. Dr. DeCampi, who is also affiliated with the pediatric cardiac surgery program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, has been the attending surgeon on more than 240 pediatric cardiac cases referred to Children's Hospital since the cardiac program was initiated in April 1997. Working with Dr. DeCampi are attending surgeons J. William Gaynor, M.D. and Thomas L. Spray, M.D., whose practices are entirely devoted to pediatric cardiac and thoracic surgery. Both surgeons are also affiliated with CHOP.

The Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (PCICU), provides the highest level of care for those patients requiring intensive care. The unit is directed by Frederick Enge, M.D., and staffed by a team of experienced cardiac intensive care nurses. A newly planned PCICU, equipped with the latest, state-of-the-art equipment, will soon be under construction. The Center's new Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, headed by Rajiv Verma, M.D., is equipped to provide every facet of the most advanced therapy in pediatric interventional cardiology.

A pediatric cardiac anesthesia pro-

gram led by anesthesiologists Srikanth S. Patankar, M.B., B.S., and Mark Hausdorff, M.D., further enhances the center. In addition to administering anesthesia during heart operations, they provide sedation services for children undergoing echocardiography, cardiac catheterization and other invasive procedures, and manage pain control in post-operative patients.

The cardiac team also includes attending pediatric cardiologist Dr. Scott Alesnik, M.D.; Judith Anne Becker, M.D.; Pui-Kan Liao, M.D.; and Milton Prytowsky, M.D., senior attending pediatric cardiologist.

Additionally, The Children's Cardiac Center is involved in helping children with life-threatening cardiac conditions from foreign countries. With help from relief organizations, the center's specialists are reaching out to give these children the chance to live healthy and normal lives. The Children's Cardiac Center team also participates in international outreach programs aimed at educating and training physicians about pediatric cardiac care in several foreign countries.



Marie Fox, R.N. and Rajiv Verma, M.D. (r to l) give a tour of the new Cardiac Center for Children at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark. Joining them are (r to l) Pedro Beckford M.D., Shari Fallet, D.O., of Children's Hospital of New Jersey and Estela Beckford, a child psychologist.

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Jack Rossi with his
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CHICAGO — Osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) will provide answers to your health questions during the American Osteopathic Association's fourth annual Dial-A-D.O. program, sponsored by SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals. All you have to do is pick up a phone on October 6 and 7, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. central daylight time and dial toll-free 1-800-D.O.s-4895 or 1-800-367-4895.

Approximately 100 D.O.s will volunteer their time during the two-day call-in to educate callers about osteopathic medicine as well as a variety of general health topics including women's health issues such as hormone replacement therapy, osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease. D.O.s will not diagnose by phone. If callers are unable to reach a physician, they may leave a voicemail message requesting that general information be sent to them by mail.

Last year, people of all ages from big cities to small towns called in to receive free health information ranging from low back pain and cholesterol to breast cancer and AIDS.

"Dial-A-D.O. gives people the

opportunity to learn more about their health and osteopathic medicine without the cost of poking, prodding and needles normally associated with an office visit," says Joel B. Cooperman, D.O., first vice president of the American Osteopathic Association and a Dial-A-D.O. volunteer. "In addition, callers can get answers to their health questions without having to schedule an appointment, helping them to become better educated about their health care options — which is vital in our changing health care environment."

Held in conjunction with the American Osteopathic Association's 103rd Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, October 5-9, 1998, at the Ernest Moritz Convention Center in New Orleans, Dial-A-D.O. supports the osteopathic medical profession's interest in prevention and wellness.

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NEWARK—Contemporary Portuguese Choreographer Clara Andermatt presents the dance musical *A Story of Doubt* at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) beginning at 7:30 p.m. (1.688) 486-5722.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra opens the 1998-1999 season at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Call (908) 232-8400 for time.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Rutgers University Arts Department will host the music of HELIX at the Nicholas Music Center beginning at 2 p.m. (732) 932-7511.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

MADISON—The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival will present KING LEAR at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre. Call (973) 408-6600 for time.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will host a workshop on African-American art called *Wrapped in Pride*. Ghanaian artist and African American identity. Call (973) 596-6638 for time.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

NEWARK—Rutgers University will host a conference on inner cities called *Arts Transforming the Urban Environment*. Call (973) 933-5119 for time.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

HEMPSTEAD—Hofstra University Dance and Dance Department will present the Off-Broadway play *Only You* at the West End Theater beginning at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Rutgers University Arts Department presents the music of *Clarinets* featuring Anthony Pasquale and pianist Paul Hoffmann at the Nicholas Music Center beginning at 2 p.m. (732) 932-7511.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Rutgers Arts Department presents the play *Frankenstein* at the New Theater beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 932-7511.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

PHILADELPHIA—A benefit for the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, America's first art museum and Art School, will be held at the 33rd Street Armory in Philadelphia.

The life of an artist and activist

By g.r. mattox
Assistant Editor

An exhibition illustrating the soul and essence of the life of one of the most influential figures of this century is currently on display in downtown Newark at the New Jersey Historical Society.

The presentation, entitled *Paul Robeson: Bearer of a Culture* will be on display until May 1999. Displayed over three rooms, the extensive collection effectively communicates to the viewer the New Jersey native's all-consuming love, appreciation and reverence for his artistic expression and his work toward social justice and equality. Included in the displays are many rare photographs, diaries, manuscripts, posters from a robust collection amassed by Robeson and his wife, Edwina.

The son of a former slave, Robeson gained international acclaim as an actor and concert artist. Simultaneously, he garnered particular esteem as an eloquent spokesperson for pivotal social issues such as colonial liberation, racial equality and civil rights. While it is a significant educational opportunity for those who wish to learn about this outstanding artist, those familiar with Robeson's work will discover several untold writings and taped speeches which further illustrate his tremendous character and his unparalleled work.



A 1930 photo of Paul Robeson sporting his Phi Beta Kappa key on a watch chain.

On hand at a press conference to launch the exhibit was the artist and activist's son, Paul Robeson, Jr. After his mother's death Robeson's son, along with his wife and daughter continued to accumulate materials and to ensure the integrity of the collections. This is the first time many of these materials are available for public viewing. Seeing the memorabilia and the results of his work so elegantly displayed is "an emotional



Paul Robeson, Jr. was on hand to celebrate the opening of this exhibit of his father's life and work. With him is Salk Yerkovich, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Society.

"We could not have done this on our own," said Salk Yerkovich, Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Society in acknowledging the generosity of the CIT Group, Inc. in their assistance in sponsoring the exhibit. Jim Egan, corporation President and CEO, said he saw a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the presentation last year when introduced to Paul Robeson, Jr. by one of his former students, Gregory Brewer, now a vice-president of human resources. "This exhibit captures the spirit of someone who overcame obstacles and roadblocks to make a tremendous impact on the 20th Century."

Yerkovich said, "We are proud to bring the Paul Robeson Collection to New Jersey. It helps us demonstrate our commitment to education and our concern for the history of New Jersey."

The New Jersey Historical Society moved into its present home near the Performing Arts Center in 1998. Its premiere exhibition, *Teenage New Jersey 1941-1975*, won the award of merit from the Association of State and Local Communities, and an award for the best exhibition from the American Association of Museums. *Teenage New Jersey* is currently on display in Tyne and Ware Museums in Newcastle, England.

A star in the background

My name is Love: The Darlene Love Story

NEW YORK — While cleaning houses for a living in Beverly Hills, the once-legendary singer Darlene Love heard her own voice on the radio. By this time, she had disappeared from the music scene entirely and on this day, she vowed to return. My Name Is Love: The Darlene Love Story (William Morris)

tells the story of Love's brush with stardom, her fall into near poverty and obscurity, and her inspiring comeback. Darlene Love began her singing career right out of high school with the Blossoms, an all-girl backup group that sang with some of the great music stars of the 50's and 60's, including Ray Charles, Elvis, Doris Day, and Tom Jones. Love quickly caught the attention of record producer Phil Spector who hired Love to sing lead vocals on such girl-group anthems as "He's a Rebel," "Da Doo Ron Ron" and "He's Sure the Boy I Love." But while those songs quickly climbed the charts, Love's solo career didn't follow suit since Spector gave all the singing credit (or he hit to groups such as the Crystals and Bob B. Sox and the Blue Jeans).

While Spector placed Love with promises of future hits and record deals, he carried on, touring with many music greats including Dionne Warwick, Sonny and Cher, and the Mamas and the Papas. In *My Name is Love*, she offers scintillating behind-the-scenes stories of life on the road including her love affair with Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers, comes-on from Elvis, and the wild parties she witnessed at Tom Jones's house.

Love made another all-out effort for a solo career in the early 80's only to lose everything she owned as well as her marriage. She worked her way back, first singing on cruise ships, then earning starring roles on Broadway and her own record-breaking off-Broadway show about her life titled "Portrait of a Singer." Today, Love regularly headlines in concert appearances and just recorded her first gospel album, "Unconditional Love," which will be released by Harmony Records/Sony in October. In addition to being widely recognized for her role in all four Lethal Weapons movies, she has sung her legendary ballad "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" every Christmas on David Letterman's show for the past 13 years. Recently, she even received long overdue credit for her early songs, successfully suing Phil Spector and having a jury award her over a quarter of a million dollars in royalties. Most importantly, she also received her long-awaited nomination to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Scoop Du Jour

By Asandra Hunter

The usual album listening party is wasn't quite the case with *The Boy I Mine* album listening party, because Monica, Dallas Austin and the President of Arista Records, her boss, Clive Davis, were in attendance. "I understand that it's a rare thing for the album's primary producer and the company's CEO to come out and show support, but I'm glad they were there. When I was recording the album Clive was there with me too," says Monica. Arnold after the event that had Manhattan's trendy Cheetah Club closed for the evening.

Davis wasn't actually in the studio when Monica was recording. The man who discovered one of Monica's favorite singers, Whitney Houston, is the type of executive producer that stands far back enough so that the artist feels comfortable letting her creative juices flow, but not so far back that he doesn't know what's going on regarding the project's day to day developments. In other words: "He called into the studio every day."

Monica goes onto explain differences between the teacher and the student, "he's more cautious than I am and he's more leery of street lyrics. Clive can't hide his feelings, so if he doesn't like something he'll say it. When we were looking for songs for the album, he gave his ideas without applying pressure and I agreed with some of them, so that's what we did and he loves this album. I think I act more like a consumer. I don't mind getting a little petty if I'm telling a story about my life," says the Scorpio, comparing herself to her mentor.

Her life, all 17 years of it, has been filled with childhood memories of singing in the local church choir. Starting at age 10, Monica also traveled with a choir that toured all around the United States. "When I was traveling with Charles Thornton and the Majestics, I got a chance to see the world and when I'm not traveling for work now I like spending time with my family, or one of my best friends. Synecia or [No Limit



rapper) Mia X." How would these best friends describe their best friend, C-Murder's girlfriend, the singer who was nominated for an American Music Award for "Best New Artist," a Billboard Award for "Artist of the Year," a Soul Train Music Award for "Why I Love You So Much" and a Soul Train Lady of Soul Award for "Best R & B Female Artist?"

"Me, I would say I was temperamental and Mia would say I was a sweetheart. See, I'm a mellow person really. I was never phased by all those industry parties, and I keep my personal business to myself. I don't hang around a lot of other artists and I don't talk about work all the time to my friends."

Monica laments regarding her own success scroll astounds. The teen was featured on *The Space Jam* soundtrack which sold an outrageous 5 million copies. Her single "For You I Will" not only demonstrated incredible diversity vocally, it showed us that she can really sing. Her Miss Thang album garnered three platinum singles: "Don't Take It Personal," "Before You Walk Out Of Life" and "Like This and Like That" and she is the youngest artist to have two consecutive #1 hits on the R & B chart. "I'm happy with the album," says Monica. "I'm a realist and I want people to treat me the way they did before I had a record deal, because in the end I have to remain real to myself."

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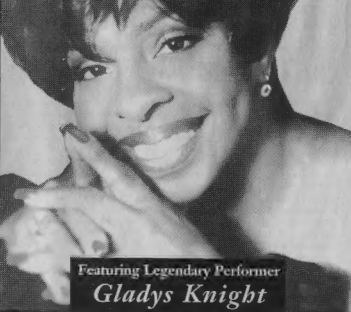
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